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BRIDGE ACROSS THE BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW IN MOREHOUSE PARISH, LA.

DECEMBER 16 (calendar day, DECEMBER 18), 1924.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. LADD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3622]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3622) granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Bayou Bartholomew at each of the following-named points in Morehouse Parish, La.: Vester Ferry, Ward Ferry, and Zachary Ferry, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture as will appear by the annexed communication.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 15, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (S. 3622, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Bayou Bartholomew at each of the following-named points in Morehouse Parish, La.: Vester Ferry, Ward Ferry, and Zachary Ferry.

As the navigable portions of the Bayou Bartholomew do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 17, 1924.

Hon. W. L. JONES,
Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10, 1924, transmitting a copy of the bill S. 3622, with the request that the committee be

furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would grant consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of Louisiana for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge and approaches thereto across the Bayou Bartholomew at each of the following points in Morehouse Parish, La.: Vester Ferry, Ward Ferry, and Zachary Ferry. Neither of the three points named in the bill and at which the Louisiana Highway Commission would be authorized to construct a bridge is located on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Louisiana. This department, therefore, can see no objections to granting the authority for their construction.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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